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2018 Legislative candidate survey

Candidate name: Jenn	Joulet	Legisiative o	iistrict:	9th LD
You are a candidate for:	House of Representatives S	Senate		
If you are a candidate for which position are your ru	the House of Representatives, unning for?	Position 1 P	osition 2	
or served on a local gover governments include cities	ckground ed or appointed to a local gove rnment board, committee, or as es, counties, public utility distri istricts, port districts, and mor	s staff? Local icts, school	Yes	No ⊠
If yes, in what capacity? Enter text here				
increase fees on services prohave been restored. However	revenues scal problems, legislators often to byided to cities to fill the state's bur, during the last recession, the Ler local government cost drivers	udget deficit. Rec ₋egislature enacte	ently, som d cuts and	e shared revenues d diversions, while
 Changes in liquor tax and supported essential local Sweeping and diverting of from the nationally-acclair operating; and 	d profit distributions resulting in losservices, such as public safety; over \$1 billion in local utility taxes med Public Works Trust Fund (Paining fees for officers attending the	, real estate taxes WTF) that helps k	, and proj keep local	ect loan repayments infrastructure
Do you support or oppose locally-shared revenues o	e the Legislature continuing to r revenues intended for capita ce the state's operating budge	use Support	Oppose	
Briefly describe one or mo accounted for by your cause	re actions that you would take	to ensure your v	iews on t	hese issues are

As a legislator I will fight to ensure our PWTF is protected and that as a state government we are better

2. Basic infrastructure financing

Cities face many challenges when repairing and updating critical infrastructure such as drinking water and sewer systems. Historically, the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF), a revolving loan fund, was a significant source for financing infrastructure. As the state wrestled first with a recession and then with the *McCleary* education funding challenges, legislators repeatedly turned to diverting these funds and leaving nothing in their place. Since 2013, nearly all of the tax revenues deposited into the PWTF were diverted to the state's education funding account instead. Those revenues were scheduled to come back to the PWTF in 2019, but the revenue diversions were extended another four years.

Would you support or oppose a budget that diverted more resources		Support	Oppose
from the PWTF to address state general fund obligations?			\boxtimes
Do you believe that it is part of the state's obligation to help	Yes	No	
fund critical local infrastructure, especially when taxes and fees raised to do so in 1985 continue to be levied?	\boxtimes		

As a lawmaker, how will you work to secure the revitalization of the PWTF and protect it from future raids?

As a legislator, I will work to promote fiscal responsibility and save the PWTF from irresponsible lawmakers. I would suggest that revenues generated from cannabis sales and a capital gains tax should fund education so that we do not have to mine the PWTF.

3. Homelessness, affordable housing, and mental health

Across the state, housing costs are rising and affordability issues are impacting homebuyers and renters, as well as exacerbating the already critical homelessness problems in many communities. Mental health services are stretched thin and cities (not normally in the business of providing these particular social services) find themselves increasingly trying to help residents and keep their communities safe and secure. Cities have a strong desire to work together with the state, counties, business, nonprofit, and faith communities to help address these challenges. We continue to seek financing, regulatory, and funding tools to help.

Help to end homelessnes	SS
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Ensure adequate mental health services for those in need

Provide tools to help control the spiraling cost of housing

Would you support or oppose a proposal for the state to override local zoning	Support	Oppose
or density decisions to promote more affordability in housing construction?		\boxtimes

Please elaborate on what you suggest doing to address one or more of these issues:

The legislature can make funding available to nonprofit organizations that are already in the communities addressing issues of homelessness, helping low-income, first time homebuyers, etc.

The 9th is mostly rural and largely lacks access to mental health facilities and providers, a problem faced statewide, but acutely felt here. I will push the legislature to do what it takes to get more providers to practice in the areas where they are in shortest supply, increase the number of ARNPs who treat psychiatric patients, expand med school programs to graduate more specialists in the field, etc.

4. Economic development

Economic development opportunities vary greatly across the state. Some communities have deteriorating commercial or industrial areas or lack the needed infrastructure for critical development, and others lack access to adequate broadband services. AWC supports expansion of current programs and funding, including expansion of state Local Revitalization Financing (LRF) and Local Infrastructure Financing Tool (LIFT) programs as options to incentivize economic development and support job creation.

Would you support or oppose legislation that expands the financing	Support	Oppose
options available to local governments for economic development?	\bowtie	

What other ideas do you have for bolstering the state's economic development opportunities? In the 9th, getting broadband service into the rural areas is an absolute necessity, and it must be affordable for businesses and individuals. There are many communities where LRF programs, in particular, would boost jobs and the local economy and add to the area's appeal, drawing even more opportunities. There are budding industries ranging from science and tech to the Arts from Pasco to Pullman that would benefit greatly from such programs.

5. Local control

Cities succeed when they can respond to local residents' unique needs and desired outcomes through exercising local control. The State Constitution and state statutes provide cities with wide discretion in serving their communities. However, the Legislature sometimes considers preempting cities from enacting local ordinances or engaging in certain activities. We believe that the relationship between the state and cities functions best as a partnership, where the state gives careful consideration to the varied conditions of local governments, and appreciates the importance of retaining local flexibility.

Do you believe that local control is important	Yes	No
to ensuring responsive local government?	\boxtimes	

If you disagree that local control should be preserved, please describe one or more specific issue areas or situations in which the state should preempt local control.

If you agree that local control should be respected, please describe how you would argue for the protection of local control to colleagues who want to preempt local governments.

Local government knows their citizens' needs best. They have the more direct connection to hear from residents and local business owners. They know the challenges they face and the resources available and the resources that are lacking.

OR

If you have any questions, please contact Regina Adams, AWC Government Relations Coordinator, at 360-753-4137 or ReginaA@awcnet.org. Please return your survey by the end of the day on Wednesday, July 4 by:

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Thank you for your participation!